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In re U.S. National Stage Application of:
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In order to reduce the fees associated with the filing of the above-referenced National Stage application, applicants are filing a new claim set with fewer claims than were searched in the original, parent PCT patent application (WO 2005/053649 A1).

The new claims, numbered 1-29, correspond roughly to original PCT claims as set forth in the following chart. In some cases, the new claims recite elements from more than one of the original PCT claims. In some cases, the new claims are dependent on original claims, and the new recitation is supported by disclosure in the specification. The new claims are fully supported by the PCT specification and do not add new matter.